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Marine Corps Headquarters

- ☐ 1. In early May 1952, a North Korean Marine Corps Headquarters with 700 men was on Hill 182, 700 meters east of Changyang-myon (125-16, 38-20) (XC-9845). The headquarters unit was equipped with 100 small Soviet-made amphibious boats, 10 heavy machine guns, 20 light machine guns, and 6 mortars.

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509 Unit

2. In early June approximately one company of the North Korean 509 Unit, dressed in North Korean Navy uniforms and believed to be a marine corps unit, was at Yongmi-ri (127-33, 39-22) (CU-7558), charged with defending the Hodo Peninsula. Another unit, numbering approximately 30 men, of the 509 Unit were in caves and trenches near Soungjin-ni at approximately 127-31, 39-27 (CU-727665). A camouflaged 76-mm. flat trajectory gun was in one of the trenches and another camouflaged 76-mm. gun was approximately 300 meters to the north. The 509 Unit moved to Yongmi-ri from Sun-ni (127-22, 39-11) (CU-5938) in mid-January 1952.

Patrol Boats

3. On 20 June two North Korean Navy patrol boats and one small transport were

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based at Samp'ot'ap (approximately 124-21, 39-56) (XE-1620), 1 kilometer west of Yongamp'o (approximately 124-22, 39-56) (XE-1721). One patrol boat was armored, grey, 20 meters long, and 4.5 meters wide, and had a 150-horse power engine. The other patrol boat was made of wood, was 18 meters long and 4 meters wide, and had a 90-horse power engine. The transport was 20 meters long and 5 meters wide, and had a 105-horse power engine. The two patrol boats were anchored side by side in a reeded coastal area at approximately 124-21, 39-56 (XE-160203), 400 meters northwest of the former Samp'ot'ap grain warehouse.¹ At low tide the patrol boats were marooned on dry land. The patrol boats were camouflaged with dry yellow bundles of reeds. The transport was anchored at night without camouflage 1 kilometer west of the grain warehouse, and during the daytime it was used to transport gravel for bank construction between Yongdae-san (124-20, 39-56) (XE-145204) and a point 2 kilometers north of Yongamp'o. A company of North Korean Naval personnel were stationed at a former grain warehouse¹ 900 meters west of Yongamp'o at approximately 124-21, 39-56 (XE-162201).

Naval Transportation Unit

4. In early May a North Korean Navy transportation unit, numbering 60 men equipped with 6 boats, was in Chinnamp'o harbor charged with transporting supplies from Chinnamp'o to Chō-do (125-03, 37-59) (XC-8006) and other islands in the area.

1. omment. Presumably the former Samp'ot'ap grain warehouse and the grain warehouse quartering the naval personnel are the same structure.

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